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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Walter B. Aughenbaugh	1772	

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) based upon an application filed in Japan on December 18, 2000. A claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) cannot be based on said application, since the United States application was filed more than twelve months thereafter.

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eugene Perez on April 25, 2005.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract, lines 1-2, replace "consisting essentially of a composition comprising" with --having--; line 4, delete "and"; line 6, delete "/or"; line 9, replace "comprising" with --including--; line 11, replace "consisting essentially of" with --including--; lines 13-14, replace lines 13-14 with --include a polypropylene cup and a cover, where the cover has the aforementioned laminate structure--.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-3 are allowed.
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Reasons for Allowance

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a sealant consisting essentially of the three components claimed by Applicant in claim 1, i.e. components (A), (B) and (C), where the three components have the claimed density ranges (or values or ranges within the claimed density ranges) and the claimed melt flow rate ranges (or values or ranges within the claimed melt flow rate ranges), and where component (B) has the claimed molecular weight distribution. U.S. Patent No. 5,741,861 to Yamamoto et al. teach a composition that comprises components (A) and (B) (see paragraph 20 of the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004), but does not teach a composition that comprises components (A), (B) and (C).

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Walter B. Aughenbaugh whose telephone number is 571-272-1488. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 6:00pm and on alternate Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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